

PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shigeru TSUKIMURA )  
Application No.: Unassigned )  
Filed: November 30, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD )  
Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend  
the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 7, line 19, delete "Fig. 7 shows", and substitute --Figs. 7A and 7B show--; and

line 21, delete "Fig. 8 shows", and substitute --Figs. 8A and 8B show--.

Page 8, line 11, delete "Fig. 18 shows", and substitute --Figs. 18A to 18C show--.